manufacturing process . . . is a desired intended use and does not further limit the product claim." Although applicant disagrees with this assertion, by the proposed amendment the cold insulating material is defined as being in its uncompressed state.

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VERSIONS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. A boot comprising an outer layer of leather which is stretched over an oversized toe box located beneath the outer layer, a layer of compressible cold insulating material which is secured to the inside of the toe box in its uncompressed state, and an outsole [and wherein said layer of cold insulating material is uncompressed].